



Park Point Community Club Elections May 18th

The Breeze

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Calendar

**Park Point Community
Club Meeting
May 18, 7PM
Lafayette Square
Election of Officers!**

**Buoys and Gulls Club
Meeting
June 6, 1 PM
At Lafayette
Bingo every Thursday
11:00 AM
Bring your lunch
Coffee is served**

**Rummage Sale
June 9 & 10**

**Art Fair
June 24&25**

Extreme Makeover: Lafayette Edition



Park Point Volunteers hard at work painting the interior of Lafayette

Maybe extreme is a bit of an overstatement, but the hardworking crew of volunteers who have been cleaning and painting and fixing up things at Lafayette have made a dramatic improvement in the appearance of the building. From power washing the exterior to cleaning the kitchen, and most notably, painting the big 2nd floor meeting room, Park Point volunteers have taken on some long overdue projects that the city has neither the money nor manpower to perform. The work is ongoing, and more Lafayette Work Days will be scheduled, and posted on the sign at the S – curve. You need not be a member of the Park Point Community Club to join in on this effort: anyone willing to join in and get their hands dirty is welcome. The initial push has been to get the meeting room ready for the summer rental season, and I invite everyone to stop and see the new color scheme. The bright white walls and deep green trim bring out the best features of the room. You might even be inspired to rent it for your next event. (It worked for me; I'll be hosting my daughter's grad party there in June) Call Barb Greene at 940-2613 for rental info.

But the meeting room is just the start. There are plenty more painting, cleaning and repair projects throughout the building and grounds that need to be done. More, I'm afraid, than the small core of volunteers currently working have the time or the energy to complete. So if you have a bit of time and energy, and an interest in helping to preserve an historic building here on the point, we invite you to stop in, meet a few of your neighbors, and join in on this community-building effort.

The mission of the Breeze is to serve the community by:

- 1) Publishing the minutes and financial statements of the Park Point Community Club
- 2) Informing the community of upcoming meetings, events, happenings and projects
- 3) Providing a forum for Park Point residents to air their concerns
- 4) Sharing the history, stories and anecdotes that make Park Point a unique place to live

The Breeze

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Submissions

The deadline is June 2nd for the June 2006 issue. Please send submissions to Alan Dartanyan at breezeditor@msn.com by e-mail or deliver to 1540 Minnesota Ave.

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From The President

The painting of the interior of Lafayette goes on as I write this. Most of the upstairs is done and the volunteers are lining up on the bathrooms, kitchen and the stairway.

Thanks to all of you, it is a job that has needed doing for a long time. It is simply disgusting how our City can tax us as they do and not even be able to maintain their buildings.

This upcoming meeting is the election of officers for the Club. I will not be the President again and have not been able to find anyone willing to take the job yet. You all had better be at the next meeting because I have heard a few names being tossed around that might be nominated from the floor. In my opinion the Club needs a new leader and a new direction and I am not the guy to do it.

Spring planting and fixing time is here, a couple of the walkways need some repair and there will be plenty of trees and shrubs to be planted, watch the sign at the curve.

Speaking of the sign it is in need of a major overhaul and as long as the Club won't be spending its money on the rebuilding of the 12th street area it sure would be nice to put up a new sign.

If you have any ideas on this issue please come to the May meeting and bring them along with a friend. (hopefully one who will be our next Pres.)
Dick

Art Fair: Calling all volunteers

Here's a fun, easy way to get involved and get to know your neighbors while supporting a 35-year tradition on the Point. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Park Point Art Fair, June 24 and 25, to help set-up, clean-up, greet visitors and sit at the make-and-take table. Volunteers may also be needed in early June to help distribute posters and bookmarks to area businesses.

The event raises money that the Community Club uses to support environmental efforts (like planting trees and building dune bridges), summer youth programs at Lafayette and other community-rooted endeavors. Sign up to share as much or as little time as you can spare. (In addition to the good karma, volunteers gain an invite to an exclusive, yet highly inclusive, artist dinner.)

For 35 years, volunteers have made the art fair successful. Here's your chance to help make it a successful 36th. If you wish to be added to the volunteer list, please call Carla at 727-2661.

Carla Tamburro
PPAF Coordinator

THE PARK POINT GARDEN CLUB...

Will be having their Annual plant sale during the Garage Sale June 9 & 10. Several types of perennials that are grown on Park Point will be on sale. The sale will be at Charlene Shimmin's, 2801 Minnesota Ave. We suggest that you shop early as we usually sell out quickly.

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May 13 -- Work Day (9-12)

May 16 - Men's Group (1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 6:45 a.m.
at Jitters)

May 18 -- Third Thursday Lunch Group (11:30 a.m.)

June 4 -- Pentecost Sunday

June 6 - Men's Group (6:45 a.m.)

June 9-10 -- Brat Sale (Senior High Fund Raiser)

June 11 - Senior Grad Celebration/Youth Sunday

June 13-14 - Confirmation Trip to Madeline Island

June 15 -- Third Thursday Lunch Group (11:30 a.m.)

June 19-20 -- Vacation Bible Camp (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)

Everyone is welcome! Worship is at 9:45 a.m.

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Park Point Community Club

Meeting Minutes: April 21, 2006

Tonight's meeting began precisely at 7:00 p.m. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Breeze; no treasurer's report this evening.

Committee Reports:

Police: Officer Mike Tinsley announced that another Police & Community meeting will be held in the first week of June. Warm weather always means an increase in beach parties and people trying to drive on the dunes. He urged residents to get license numbers and call 911. Club conversation included complaints about construction trucks too close to stop signs and the benefits of painting the S-curve curbs with "no parking" yellow. Officer Tinsley also distributed his monthly statistics report. Park Point is lagging far behind the national average in most felonies. Get busy, folks!

Breeze: Alan Dartanyan reinforced his policy that the Breeze is open to all sorts of suggestions and submissions; he wants to have stuff worth reading in the Breeze. Ad sales are steady. Deadlines are important, for Alan has a real life beyond the Breeze.

City Council: Cliff Tchida noted that the dispute between a gas station and its neighbor on Anderson Road reinforces his consistent message; that zoning problems and variances up in the city can have a quick impact on similar problems here on the Point, and need to be watched closely.

Duluth Parks & Rec: Liz Mackay reported that the director from last year's Summer Youth Program will be returning this summer. The PPCC has supplemented the director's salary in previous years; this issue shall be addressed at the May meeting.

Environment: Not content with being tonight's temporary secretary and chairing the meeting as well, Dave Johnson bored Club members to dreamland by speaking about the 12th street project. A cost-effective plan that addresses the first few priorities for that abused, overused site is ready. Part of the plan developed by the City involves proposed changes (including a short, 6' wide boardwalk) between the parking lot and the beach. The plan might not be ideal, but it's much better than doing nothing. Years of doing nothing has failed the area and its neighbors. Doing nothing is harmful, because vandals are still doing something. **Motion:** The Park Point Community Club supports the plan for the 12th Street project.

Motion carried. Also: Another boardwalk, planned for the severe blowout between the public park's pavilions, had to be shelved for this year due to a lack of cooperation **within** the City of Duluth. Finally, this year's tree-planting efforts begin in mid-May. Several different sites are being considered for re-planting help.

Quality of Life: Tom Mackay reported that a letter drafted by himself and Dennis Hoelscher to the City of Duluth on the subject of traffic hazards and crosswalks has not generated any response from the City. He also noted that the price of a moving-violation ticket for rolling through a stop sign is \$120. That shouldn't be a problem for any Park Pointer, because we all stop perfectly and legally at the 19th Street intersection.

Rummage Sale: This year's sale dates are **Friday and Saturday, June 9 & 10**. Charlene Shimmin would like another volunteer to assist her with promotions. She also floated an idea to send PPCC volunteers around to the rummage sales, requesting free-will donations to offset Club expenses.

Lafayette: Dick Gould has begun painting inside Lafayette. A series of clean-up days is being planned for the building. Plans include an external wash and substantial interior painting in an ongoing attempt to rid Park Point of the ugly purple insult the City chose as trim paint (done over a decade ago on the only afternoon that the dreadful pastel purple color was even slightly in fashion.) **Motion:** The Community Club shall set aside \$400 for the purchase of materials and supplies to be used for this spring's revitalization and makeover of Lafayette Square. **Motion carried.**

New Business: LeeAnn Rutherford spoke about newcomers to the Park Point community and her idea that the Club should improve our methods for welcoming them, from name tags at meetings to a pot-luck introductory dinner. (Forcing them to dance for us hasn't worked out.) She also spoke about a volunteer group gathering support in Duluth; the group is devoted to responsible development.....

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The final discussion of the evening was about the introduction of the "Duluth Peony" flower. Interested gardeners should contact Park Point Garden Club members for details.

Meeting adjourned at exactly 8:30, due to Dave Johnson's knack for punctuality. Then citizens got up and went, the night Dave served as President.

Repeatedly submitted,

Dave Johnson, Temporary Secretary

Duluth Rowing Club

This year, the Duluth Rowing Club will be hosting two Open House events. The first one will be held on Sunday May 21st from 12:00-3:00pm and is open to the public. The second Open House will be held on Tuesday June 20th from 6:00-8:00pm for all Park Point residents. The Park Point Open House will feature a BBQ, a close look at our equipment and an informational meeting about the events we will be hosting this summer. For more information, please call Dave at 724-2775 or visit our website at www.duluthrowing.org

Learn to Row Classes

The Duluth Rowing Club is offering a beginners course for adults on the fundamentals of rowing as an introduction to the sport of rowing. Rowing is great full body workout and a non-impact activity. It is also an excellent way to cross-train for other sports such as running or skiing.

Rowing attire consists of workout clothing and sport/tennis shoes.

Two sessions will be offered and held at the Duluth Rowing Club, Park Point, 3900 Minnesota Avenue. Each two-week session is \$75.00 and class size is limited.

#1. June 19 - 29th (Monday-Thursday) 6-8 p.m.

#2. July 10 - 21st (Monday-Thursday) 6-8p.m.

For more information on the Learn to Row Classes, please call Bonnie at 724-2775

Mark Your Calendars...2006 Duluth Rowing Club Events

July 8 Duluth International Regatta

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(The following story was submitted by Ellie Alspach. It comes from a handwritten letter given to Maggie McGillis. It was written by a former Superior school teacher – “Miss Lynch” - for her boss at a Pontiac-Cadillac Agency from which she retired. Given the connection between the two “Points” it seemed worth printing. It’s a bit long for a single issue, so I have “Serialized” it and will continue it next month. The editor)

Miss Lynch---A Wisconsin Point teacher 1914

I graduated from the Superior Normal School in 1912. I first taught at a one room school out near Pattison Park. I loved it and the children and their parents loved me. I could have stayed there forever, but my parents wanted me to be nearer to home. My father, captain of East End Fire Department got his friend the mayor to get me a job as a teacher in Superior City School. This was 1914.

Mr. Hornaday was a teacher in the Superior School System, a neighbor, and on the committee that placed the new teachers in the system. Mr. Hornaday thought I would be a perfect teacher for the little Indian School on Wisconsin Point. My father was crushed, but I was elated. This year would be fun. I was 21 years old and I was strong. I could handle anyone my own age or bigger. Out in the country my pupils had loved my-I taught them how to play. I knew my new pupils would like me too. I was looking forward to getting over to see my new school.

Mr. King was principal of the Allouez School and also principal of the Wisconsin Point School. He called me and took me over to see my school. I did not think much of Mr. King's ability to row a boat, but we got to the Point and I saw my school for the first time. It was a come-down from the beautiful Black River School but I would now be at home.

My friend May Sheridan had taught at my school the previous year and very kindly offered me the loan of her fine row boat. The boat was at the Allouez Coal Dock. Jim Elliot was superintendent of the coal dock. He was also a friend of my uncle so I would be in good hands there. On Monday morning, September 14, 1914, I walked down to the coal dock from the street car and got the oars for my boat from Mr. Elliot's office. He was in his office and wished me well. He said, "Always bring your oars in here." I was on my way.

I rowed down the length of the coal dock, then across Allouez Bay and pulled the boat up on the big sandy front yard of my school. The students (all boys), were scattered around in front of the school so I greeted them and invited them to come into the school. I checked their names and their grades and let them pick their desks. I let the bigger boys help me pass out books, tablets and pencils. It was noon so we stopped to eat. Five boys were from the lighthouse keeper's homes so they went home for lunch.

When our afternoon session started we were pretty well organized. I told the boys that I was happy to be with them. I said I liked boys since I had four younger brothers and we all got along well. I wanted this to be a good year for all of us. I let them leave early so that I could get things organized and they could get home to tell their mother what they thought of the new teacher. I heard afterwards that the big thing they told about at home was that the new teacher liked them; she liked boys. The first day was over. A success I thought.

Every morning I got up at 6 o'clock and got ready for school. My mother was up too and packed me a good lunch often with something extra for the school children. I had a packsack to carry my books, my lunch, and various other things to help the children. I brought over a football, a baseball & bat, and pictures made for children.

Getting to school soon got to be a habit and did not seem too difficult. Everyday I walked down Hollingshead Avenue in time to get the 7:30 streetcar on its way to Allouez. The conductor soon watched for me and waited for me if I was a bit late. When I got to Allouez I walked down to the coal dock and got my boat. I loved to row; my father taught me when I was younger. One time, my dad, Tom, Halsy and I rowed to the end of the bay, then crossed over to the lake and went on to the Amnicon river mouth. We were looking for a good place to hunt deer. Of course we had to row back as well.

(To be continued next Month)



Cory Cartier, Cartier Agency

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As a new Park Point homeowner, I'm looking forward to getting to know my neighbors. If you want to know about home, auto or any other personal insurance products, please give me a call.

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Editor's Corner

My wife and I stopped in at Carmody Irish Pub the other weekend (shameless plug for a Park Point owned business) and as we sat at the bar my wife spotted what she thought was a familiar face. A quick question confirmed that, yes, this was one of our Park Point neighbors, a fellow often seen on the deck with his golden retrievers. He told us he'd been living down here for 4 years now, and had barely gotten to know any of his neighbors. That left me feeling a little abashed, as he lives only a couple doors away from me. But it brought back to me an issue we have often discussed at community club meetings. With the increasing rate change down here on the Point – houses and condos being built, people moving in, people moving out – how to we reach out to new residents, draw them in, make them feel a part of the community, and hopefully get them active in community events? The community club has suggested everything from wearing name tags at meetings, so newcomers can know who we are, to forming some kind of neighborhood welcome wagon. And recognizing that some people will never be interested in joining the club, we've had the All Park Point Picnic and Softball game, an event which, while the community club supports it, is not a "Community Club Event". But maybe the best idea is the simplest, at least for those not too challenged by Scandinavian reticence: When you see a new neighbor out on his or her deck, porch, lawn or whatever, walk up and say hello

BIKE TO WORK DAY

In an effort to bring attention to the health and environmental benefits of finding alternative transportation to work, the Duluth Area Family YMCA, along with Cities for Climate Protection, have planned a Bike to Work Day on Friday May 19th. Bike to Work is an annual event to raise awareness about health and environmental benefits of biking as an annual event to raise awareness about the health and environmental benefits of biking as an alternative to driving.

The Duluth YMCA will be offering free showers and bike valet service the event for anyone who bikes to work on May 19th. Free resources on biking in Duluth will also be available at the Duluth YMCA.

Can't bike? No bike? Walk, run, roller blade, take the DTA, carpool.....just move your body to work. Support wellness and the environment. Bike to work on May 19th. For more information contact Liz Olson at 722-4745 ext. 149 or visit our website www.duluthymca.org/biketowork



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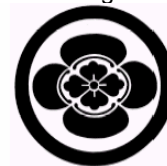
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The Bird Lady of Duluth, Laura Erickson, will be on Park Point each Thursday morning during May. Meet at the big parking lot by the soccer field at 6:30 am for "Warble Walks"

Check out her web site for more details: <http://www.birderblog.com/post.php?id=1136>

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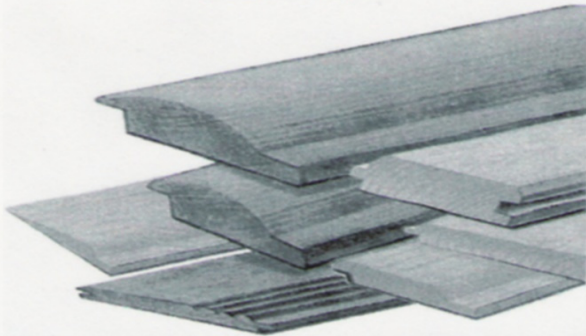
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